

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent December 28, 2007. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-14, 16, 18-33, 35-44, 46, and 48-51 were pending in the Application and are rejected in the Office Action. These claims have been canceled. Claims 13-14, 16, 18-32, 44, 46, and 48-51 are allowed. For the reasons given below, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 13-14, 16, 18-32, 44, 46, and 48-51 are allowed. Applicants have canceled all rejected claims. Therefore, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance.

Section 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-2, 4, 6-12, 33, and 35-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,711,159 issued to Grabelsky et al. ("Grabelsky") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,797,915 issued to Bowker et al. ("Bowker").

As noted above, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-2, 4, 6-12, 33, and 35-43. Therefore, this rejection has now been made moot. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

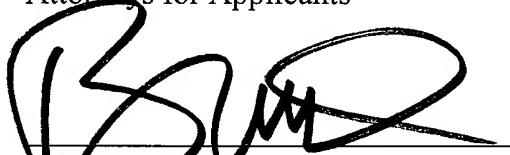
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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